

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(National Service Insurance Week)

WHEREAS, the economic stability of any state is materially affected by the financial security of its individual families; and

WHEREAS, more than 175,000 veterans in the State of South Carolina during World War II carried National Service Life Insurance, providing those veterans with an irreplaceable estate in life insurance as added compensation for their military service; and

WHEREAS, National Service Life Insurance is a Government sponsored, non-profit program available to the World War II veterans; and

WHEREAS, legislation recently enacted by Congress and signed by the President materially liberalized the provisions of NSLI, providing, among other things, for lump-sum payments, free choice of beneficiaries, endowment policies, and addition of total disability benefits, and

WHEREAS, in order to further the economic stability of this State, and in order to foster among veterans the growth of individual initiative and responsibility in attaining financial independence for themselves and their dependents,

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, by the power vested in me as Governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 28-May 3 as "National Service Life Insurance Week," and urge all veterans who have allowed this insurance to lapse, to reinstate it under the liberal terms provided.

Given unto my hand and seal this 11th day of April, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

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J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR